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SUBJECT: SECTION 301 PETITION BY CHARLES REHFELDT, LAI FU TRADING

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1. CNA ARTICLE STATING THAT JAPAN DOES NOT PERMIT IMPORT OF U.S. TELEVISION RECEIVERS IS INCORRECT. JAPAN DUTIES U.S. COLOR T.V. RECEIVERS AT A TEMPORARY RATE OF FOUR PERCENT.

- 2. IN PRACTICE, HOWEVER, U.S. TELEVISION IMPORTS INTO JAPAN ARE FEW; IN 1975 ONLY 42 COLOR RECEIVERS WERE IMORTED. U.S. SETS MUST BE ADJUSTED TO JAPANESE TECHNICAL STANDARDS AND UNDERGO LABORATORY TESTS TO ENSURE THEY MEET JAPANESE TECHNICAL AND ELECTICAL STANDARDS. PRIMARY CHANGES REQUIRED ARE ADJUSTMENT TO CHANNELS AND CONVERSIONTO 50 CYCLES.
- 3. MAIN DISTRIBUTOR OF U.S. TELEVISION RECEIVERS IS OKURA DENKI SERVICE CO. OF TOKYO, WHICH SOLD 40 RCA 25-INCH COLOR SETS LAST YEAR, PRIMARLY TO TRAIN STATIONS AND RACE TRACKS AT RETAIL PRICE CLOSE TO US DOLS 1,850. COST OF CONVERSION TO JAPANESE STANDARDS, INCLUDED IN FINAL RETAIL PRICE, IS ABOUT US DOLS 200. HODGSON

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